

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Speakers about the 2020 Virtual NOAA/ESRL Global Monitoring Annual Conference (eGMAC)

Overview: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel the 2020 Global Monitoring Annual Conference (GMAC) scheduled for May 19-20 in Boulder, CO. We will miss seeing our regular GMAC colleagues and meeting new attendees and contributors. We recognize that, although we cannot replace the productive discussions and warm atmosphere of the in-person meeting, staying connected and sharing scientific advances remain important. Therefore, we are organizing a series of weekly webinars where scientists from our research community will share recent and exciting work. We are calling this series the eGMAC or virtual GMAC. We do not have the resources to have an open call for abstracts for the eGMAC series and we apologize for not being able to have a wider range of contributors.

We hope you will be able to join in this first virtual GMAC and we look forward to the pleasure of seeing you at next year's in-person conference. Stay healthy!

Q&A for eGMAC Presenters

Q. What does "eGMAC" mean?

- A. The term eGMAC refers to an electronic or virtual Global Monitoring Annual Conference. All sessions for the 2020 seminars will be conducted virtually whether people are in their offices or at home during the time of the session.

Q. What is the schedule of sessions for the 2020 eGMAC?

- A. eGMAC sessions will typically be held on Mondays and Fridays during the months of June, July, and early August. The 2020 schedule can be found here:
<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/gmac/schedule.html>.

Q. What is the requested abstract length?

- A. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words. Email your presentation title, abstract, and your photo to the session chair listed in the schedule.

Q. Is there a template for my presentation?

- A. You are not required to use a template; however, GML recommends that slides be formatted to widescreen (16:9 aspect ratio), include slide numbers, and all fonts presented on slides (text and graphs) be 14-18pt font size, or larger. The font size of 12pt is marginal and can be difficult to read. Any fonts smaller than 12pt are prohibited. Presentations can be saved as a PowerPoint (ppt) file or pdf.

Q. By when and to whom should I send my presentation prior to the session when I'm scheduled to present?

- A. Please send your presentation file (either ppt or pdf) to James Salzman (james.salzman@noaa.gov) no later than 24 hours in advance of your presentation so the file can be uploaded and checked for any issues.

Q. Will an abstract be available for each presentation?

A. Yes, once submitted by presenters, you will find a list of abstracts attached to the 2020 schedule.

Q. How will the sessions be organized?

A. Session lengths and format may vary slightly during the series but will likely be about 1.5-2 hours long once a week, and will include a range of speakers for each session topic. The schedule will be somewhat unique to each session. A chair will introduce each presenter and serve as the facilitator for the Q&A that follows each presentation. Attendees will be able to ask questions using the chat box feature in GoToWebinar and time will be provided during sessions for limited questions and answers (Q&A).

Q. Will sessions be recorded for later viewing and will slides be made available?

A. Provided permission is granted by presenters, slides and recorded presentations will be made available for later viewing.

Q. Can questions be asked of the presenters?

A. Yes, given that there is time for questions, attendees may type questions for presenters using the chat box feature in GoToWebinar. The moderator will "open up the chat" for limited questions at the end of each presentation

Q. What software do I need to join the calls?

A. GoToWebinar will be used for all eGMAC sessions. Once registering for the weekly sessions at <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/gmac/register.php>, you will be sent the information needed to join the webinar session at the appropriate time. Information to join an online session may be different each week.

Q. How many people do you anticipate joining the virtual sessions?

A. An invitation will be extended to the entire GMAC scientific community. We are uncertain how many will join, but it is likely that there will be a large group of attendees.